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ROME FOR FODAG

1. RDO WELCOMES OFFER TO HAVE FARNHAM ACCOMPANY HIM TO CONAKRY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG, AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING PORT CONGESTION.
2. HOWEVER,AS PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED, SUPPLY/LOGISTICS SPECIALIST FROM ABIDJAN ARRIVING O/A 20 MAY TO CONDUCT EVALUATION PORT/STORAGE SITUATION AND EVACUATION POSSIBILITIES TO MALI/MAURITANIA FOR TITLE II COMMODITIES ARRIVING DAKAR.
3. TOD DATE, RESIDUE OF TITLE II GRAIN FOR SENEGAL IN STORAGE SOCOPAO WAREHOUSES/OFF-PIER, IS NOT A FACTOR IN CRISIS SITUATION EARLIER REPORTED, WHICH SO FAR IS CONFINED

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TO THE MALIAN FREE ZONE, AND IS NOT RPT NOT PORT-WIDE.

4. AS POINTED OUT EARLIER, SIZE OF SHIPMENTS TO SENEGAL SHOULD REMAIN MODEST, AND PROGRESS REPORTS EX DAKAR SHOULD BE USED AS GUIDE FOR SUCCESSIVE SHIPMENTS SENEGAL ALLOCATION.

5. WEEKLY SITREPS SUBMITTED WITH REGULARITY SINCE FFPO ARRIVAL DAKAR SHOWED EARLIER THAT OF 21,000 MT TITLE II COMMODITIES RECEIVED BY DAKAR FOR MALI SINCE MARCH, ALL BUT 5,823 DISPATCHED KAYES/BAMAKO BY RAIL. HOWEVER, POTENTIAL OF GLUT AT MALIAN ZONE OF PORT REPORTED ON APR 15 LAST. REF A(PARA 4C) CITED TOTAL OF NEARLY 45,000 MT OF FOOD STOCKS (ALL DONORS), (INCLUDING 12,400 MT SORGHUM) AWAITING RAIL DISPATCH AT THIS ZONE.

6. RETURNING TO SENEGAL, FIVE THOUSAND MT OF EEC CORN NOW BEING UNLOADED PORT. FFPO INFORMED THAT MIN COOPERATION AND PLANNING TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CARITAS SENEGAL FOR DISPATCH/DELIVERY OF THESE COMMODITIES AS WELL AS THE TITLE II CONSIGNMENT (2,940 MT) ARRIVING MAY 27, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION ROME AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. THIS SHOULD BE A CLEAR IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER DEPENDENCE OF ONCAD FOR EVACUATION OF ALL ARRIVING FOOD GRAINS. BALANCE FED COMMITMENT TO ARRIVE IN JUNE. FOR THIS REASON, CAUTION URGED EARLIER IN RESTRICTING MAGNITUDE SHIPMENTS TITLE II ALLOCATION.

7 WHERE MALIAN ZONE CONCERNED, GLUT OF COMMODITIES CAUSED BY HUGE BUILDUP COMMERCIAL PRUCHASE/OTHER DONOR FOOD AID, MOST OF WHICHARRIVED AT PORT DURING APRIL. RECAPITULATION BREADOWN GIVEN REF (C) FOLLOWS:

CORN-COMMERCIAL PURCHASE-32,390 MT
FAC, FED&USSR GIFT FOOD-30,355 MT
TITLE II SORGHUM (AS OF MAY 11) 5,958 MT

8. THIS HAS SINCE BEEN AUGMENTED BY 10,000 MT OF CORN FORM UK, AND, CABLED REQUESTS TO SUSPEND ALL FURTHER DISCHARGES AT DAKAR PORT, NOTWITHSTANDING, BY TWO TITLE II ARRIVAL TOTALLING 6,000 MT (MOHAWK AND YELLOWSTONE).

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9. SOME OF PRIORITIES WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WERE GIVEN ON 5/14/74. THESE ARE (A) INITIATIVES INVOLVING A REOPENING OF LAND-ROUTE TO MALI; INCLUDING REPAIR OF CURRENTLY UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE.

(B) PARALLELL INITIATIVES TO INCREASE ALL-PURPOSE TRUCK FLEET FOR INTERIOR MALI DISTRIBUTION.

(C) FULLEST POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF ALTERNATE PORTS,

SUCH AS ABIDJAN, COTONOU, AND MONROVIA; AND OF (D)
ALTERNATE LAND ROUTES, SUCH AS ABIDJAN-SEGOU-MOPTI,
MONROVIA-BAMAKO, AND COTONOU-GAO. INCREASE OF LOCOMOTIVES/
ROLLING STOCK SENEGAL/MALI RR TO INCREASE PRESENT TOTAL
HAULAGE CAPACITY OF 12-15,000 MT/MO INDICATED, WITH
PARALLEL EFFORT TO IMPROVE DISTRIBUTION/STORAGE FACILITIES
WITHIN MALI.

10. MAURITANIAN SITUATION HANDLED IN EARLIER MESSAGE
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